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NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

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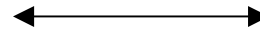
ENGINEER MOUNTAIN TRAIL #508

Length: 11.0 miles (17.9km.)

Use: Medium

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Difficulty: Most difficult

USGS Map (s): Engineer Mountain
Quad

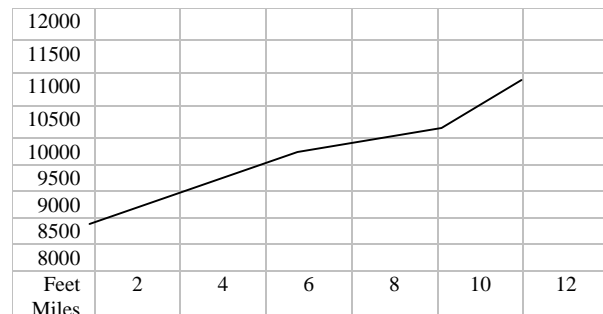
Starting Elevation: 9,000'

From trailhead at the Engineer
Mountain Guard Station

Ending Elevation: 11,000'

Junction with Engine Creek and
White Creek

Recommended Season: Spring/Summer/Fall



Access #1: 31 miles north of Durango on U.S. 550 from Engineer Mtn. Guard Station. To reach the station, 2/3 of a mile past Cascade Village, turn west on FDR #817 and follow this road 100 yards. The trailhead is on the north side of the road just past the cattle guard. There is adequate parking along the dirt road.

Access # 2: Via the Pass Creek Trail. About 37 miles north of Durango on U.S. 550, at the top of Coal Bank Pass, turn west on the dirt road and follow it 50 yds. to the trailhead. Follow this trail 2 miles to the junction with the Engineer Mountain Trail.

Access # 3: Rico-Silverton Trail.

Attractions & Considerations : Water availability is limited on this trail. The trail is in good shape and maintains an even, uphill grade. This trail offers access to Engineer Mountain, the possibility for loop hikes, and views of both the lower valley and the Needle and Grenadier mountain ranges. The trail is situated primarily on south-facing slopes and is usually accessible during late spring. Both of the trailhead access points are good slopes for seeing native wildflowers in July and August. The trail begins in a spruce-fir forest and gradually winds up to sub-alpine conditions.



Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map

Forest Service maps and other publications are available at the Public Lands Center, in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off Highway 160, or by calling (970) 247-4874.

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